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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),
 (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/471,981
 filed on December 23, 1999, entitled INK-JET RECORDING HEAD.

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to and Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).

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EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

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- ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
- ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53 (d)(4).
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| | TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c) or (j)) | 47 - 20* = | 27 | x \$ 18 = | \$ 486.00 |
| | INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 37 CFR 1.16(b) or (i) | 04 - 3** = | 01 | x \$ 84 = | 84.00 |
| | MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d)) | | | x \$ 280 = | |
| | | | | BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16) | \$ 740.00 |
| | Total of above Calculations = | | | | \$1,310.00 |
| | Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.27). | | | | N/A |
| | * Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent. | | | | |
| | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent. | | | | |
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6. N/A Small entity status: Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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Prior to further examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 6-38, and 64.

Please replace claims 3, 68 and 81 with the following amended claims:

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- 1 3. (Amended) An ink-jet recording head comprising at least one
2 piezoelectric block having (a) first and second ink pressure chambers, each
3 pressure chamber communicating with a nozzle for ejecting ink supplied from
4 an ink supply, (b) first and second partition walls, each partition wall serving as
5 a driving portion for one of the two ink pressure chambers, each partition wall
6 including a piezoelectric element and at least two electrodes for driving said
7 piezoelectric element, (c) a pressure buffer chamber, and (d) first and second
8 fixed walls,
9 wherein at least one of said electrodes is embedded in said partition
10 wall,

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